AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. canceled.

2. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 43, wherein said application memory further comprises a read-only memory.

3. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 43, wherein said application memory further comprises an electrically erasable programmable read-only memory.

4. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 43, wherein said application engine further comprises a microcontroller.

5. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 4, wherein said microcontroller further comprises said application memory.

6. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 43, wherein said input/output module comprises a microcontroller.

7. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 43, wherein said application engine further comprises a custom circuit.

8. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 7, wherein said custom circuit further comprises said application memory.

9. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 43, wherein said input/output module further comprises a custom circuit.

10-40. canceled.

41. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 43, wherein the interface device is portable.

42. canceled.

43. (currently amended) An integrated circuit card interface device comprising:

an application memory;

an application engine for managing one or more applications in said application memory;

an input/output module;

a host interface;

one or more integrated circuit card interfaces; and

an internal power supply;

wherein the interface device is adapted to enable operation in accordance with multiple modes of operation comprising

a standalone mode of operation in which the interface device is not operably connected to ~~a~~ any host device via the host interface, and

a reprogramming mode of operation, in which the interface device is operably connected to an integrated circuit card via one of the one or more integrated circuit card interfaces, and/or to a host device via the host interface, to enable one or more programs to be added to, modified in, or deleted from, the interface device.

44. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 43, wherein the standalone mode of operation comprises a mode of operation in which the interface device is operably connected to an integrated circuit card via one of the one or more integrated circuit card interfaces to enable communication between the interface device and the integrated circuit card.

45. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 44,

wherein the standalone mode of operation further comprises a mode of operation in which the interface device is not operably connected to another device to enable communication therebetween.

46. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 45, wherein the multiple modes of operation further comprise a connected mode of operation in which the interface device is operably connected to a host device via the host interface to enable communication between the interface device and the host device.

47. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 46, wherein during the connected mode of operation the interface device is also operably connected to an integrated circuit card via one of the one or more integrated circuit card interfaces to enable communication between the interface device and the integrated circuit card.

48. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 44, wherein the multiple modes of operation further comprise a mode of operation in which the interface device is operably connected to a host device via the host interface to enable communication between the interface device and the host device.

49. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 43, wherein during the connected mode of operation the interface device is also operably connected to an integrated circuit card via one of the one or more integrated circuit card interfaces to enable communication between the interface device and the integrated circuit card.

50. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 43, wherein the standalone mode of operation comprises a mode of operation in which the interface device is not operably connected to another device to enable communication therebetween.

51. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 50,

where the multiple modes of operation further comprise a connected mode of operation in which the interface device is operably connected to a host device via the host interface to enable communication between the interface device and the host device.

52. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 51, wherein during the connected mode of operation the interface device is also operably connected to an integrated circuit card via one of the one or more integrated circuit card interfaces to enable communication between the interface device and the integrated circuit card.

53. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 43, wherein the multiple modes of operation further comprise a connected mode of operation in which the interface device is operable connected to a host device via the host interface to enable communication between the interface device and the host device.

54. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 53, wherein during the connected mode of operation the interface device is also operably connected to an integrated circuit card via one of the one or more integrated circuit card interfaces to enable communication between the interface device and the integrated circuit card.

55- 67. canceled

68. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 43, further comprising:

a display unit; and

an input unit.

69. (previously presented) A portable integrated circuit card interface device, comprising:

an application memory;

an application engine for managing one or more applications in said application memory;

an input/output module;

a host interface;

one or more integrated circuit card interfaces;

means for operation without external power;

means for a standalone mode of operation in which the interface device is not operably connected to a host device via the host interface, and

means for a reprogramming mode of operation for adding, modifying, or deleting programs from the interface device.

70-77. canceled

78. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 43, wherein the one or more programs are subject to security verification.

79. (previously presented) The integrated circuit card interface device of claim 43, wherein the interface device is operable while being carried by a user.